

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**Attorney Docket No. 322-00065****In the Specification:**

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, between the title and the first line of text as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is the U.S. national stage application of International Application PCT/AU00/00459, filed May 12, 2000, which international application was published on November 23, 2000 as International Publication WO 00/69476 in the English language. The International Application claims priority of Australian Patent Application PQ 0365, filed May 14, 1999.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Before the paragraph beginning between lines 16 and 17 of page 2 insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Before the paragraph beginning between lines 27 and 28 of page 8 insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Before the paragraph beginning between lines 17 and 18 of page 9 insert the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**In the Claims:**

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (amended) A container as claimed in ~~claim 5 or claim 6~~ wherein the lid or cap is a tamper-proof or tamper-evident lid or cap.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Before the paragraph beginning at page 8, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Before the paragraph beginning at page 9, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 6 wherein the lid or cap is a tamper-proof or tamper-evident lid or cap.

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

8. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 1 wherein the collapsible or deformable portion comprises a fluted or corrugated portion.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 1 wherein the container is relatively enlarged at the first end.

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second end of the container comprises a closed end.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second end is closed by a vapor permeable means.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 1 wherein the collapsible or deformable portion is produced from a relatively rigid material.

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Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 1 comprising a first portion and a second portion joined together to form the container.

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Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 1 for use in sterilizing an endoscopic telescope comprising an elongated part for receiving a barrel of an endoscopic telescope and an enlarged part depending from the elongated part.

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Please amend claim 19 as follows:

19. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 18 comprising a first part and a second, elongated part joined to the first part, the first part being of relatively enlarged diameter with respect to the elongated part.

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Please amend claim 22 as follows:

22. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 21 wherein the first part has an open end in the outwardly extending part through which a barrel of an endoscopic telescope can pass and a large opening in the enlarged diameter portion.

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Please amend claim 26 as follows:

26. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 23 wherein the container is provided with a closure means.

Please amend claim 28 as follows:

28. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 23 wherein the container has a vapor permeable portion.

Please amend claim 29 as follows:

29. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 27 wherein the closure means includes a vapor permeable portion.

Please amend claim 30 as follows:

30. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 23 further comprising a sheet-like material adapted to drape over the object upon removal of the object.

Please amend claim 33 as follows:

33. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 32 wherein the sheet-like material is a sheet of gauze or other medical fabric.

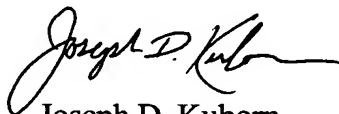
Please cancel claim 36.

Please amend claim 37 as follows:

37. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 35 wherein the object is removed from the container by collapsing or deforming the collapsible or deformable portion to thereby reduce an inner volume of the container and force the object to break open the vapor permeable closure and extend at least partly out of the container.

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